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ATTACHMENT (A)

CLAIMS FOR AMENDMENT "A"

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A parking brake assembly which includes a lever for operation of a brake shoe to provide a parking function, the lever carrying an automatic latching device for automatically latching to the lever an end fitting on an operating cable and a guide spring extending from an associated brake backplate into contact with the lever, the automatic latching device comprising a latching member mounted on the lever which is deflected aside by the end fitting as the cable is fed in a first direction towards the lever within the guide spring and which latches behind an abutment on the end fitting to latch the cable to the lever so that subsequent movement of the cable in a second direction opposite to the first direction moves the lever to operate the parking function, ~~the assembly being characterized in that~~ the end of the guide spring which contacts the lever ~~being extended to hook onto a locating formation~~ is shaped to also act on the latching member to bias the latching member towards the position in which it latches behind the abutment on the end fitting ~~and retains the spring in position on the lever.~~
2. (currently amended) A parking brake assembly according to claim 1 in which the latching member comprises a flap pivotally mounted on the lever with the end of the ~~guide~~ spring which contacts the lever ~~secured to the lever on one side of the flap and formed~~ ~~being extended~~ into a loop which extends over the flap pivot and acts on ~~the~~ ~~locating formation on the other side of the flap remote from the remainder of the~~ guide spring to bias ~~the~~ flap to the latching position.
3. (original) A parking brake assembly according to claim 2 in which the flap has a slot in a lower edge thereof, the end fitting passing from one side of the flap to the other as the flap is deflected by passing at least partially through the lower end of the slot.
4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) A parking brake assembly according to claim 3 in which the lever has an end portion in the form of a U-shaped channel, the flap latching the cable between an edge of the flap and a base portion of the U-shaped channel.
6. (currently amended) A parking brake assembly according to claim 1 in which a projection on the base portion of the U-shaped channel projects into the lower end of the slot in the flap so that the end fitting is supported in the latched position on the projection and the ~~end of the U-shaped channel~~ portions of the flap surrounding the slot.
7. (previously presented) A drum brake which includes a parking brake assembly according to claim 1.
8. (previously presented) A drum in disc brake which includes a parking brake assembly according to claim 1.
9. (canceled)
10. (canceled)
11. (canceled)
12. (new) A parking brake assembly which includes a lever for operation of a brake shoe to provide a parking function, the lever carrying an automatic latching device for automatically latching to the lever an end fitting on an operating cable and a guide spring extending from an associated brake backplate into contact with the lever, the automatic latching device comprising a flap pivotally mounted on the lever which is deflected aside by the end fitting as the cable is fed in a first direction towards the lever within the guide spring and which latches behind an abutment on the end fitting to latch the cable to the lever so that subsequent movement of the cable in a second

direction opposite to the first direction moves the lever to operate the parking function, the end of the guide spring which contacts the lever on one side of the flap being extended into a loop which extends over the flap pivot and engages a groove formed in the other side of the flap remote from the remainder of the guide spring to bias flap towards the position in which it latches behind the abutment on the end fitting and to retains the spring in position on the lever.